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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know whether the Government Girls' High School, Mayavaram, is one of the institutions to which notice has been given, that it will be closed? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " I thought that I had answered this question in my reply to his original question."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I know what is the present strength of the school? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " I am unable to give that information, Sir, at present. If the hon. Member will put a separate question, the information will be obtained, and supplied to the hon. Member."

Dacoity in Nadichagi village.

* 38-A *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has perused the report about a dacoity and murder committed by a gang from the Nizam's Dominions in the village of Nadichagi in Bellary district, published in the *Indian Express* of 28th February 1948 at page 5 (column 2);

(*b*) whether the Government have received an official report about the same from the District Magistrate of Bellary; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken thereon and what steps the Government propose to take to prevent such raids and inspire confidence in the villages?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The Agent-General for India in Hyderabad has been apprised of the incident and asked to take up the matter with the Hyderabad Government. The Government of India have also been informed and they also have instructed the Agent-General to lodge a strong protest with the Hyderabad Government and to claim compensation. The Government are taking suitable measures to prevent such incidents and to instil confidence in the villages."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the Devanadugu village near Kurnool was looted on the 15th instant? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Every instance that has come to the notice of the Government has been reported to our Agent-General at Hyderabad and to the Government of India and they are taking suitable action."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask, how long are we to put up with these incidents, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I would tell the hon. Member that if he has a friend in the Dominion Legislature, he might be asked to put a question to the States Minister in that House."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know, if the Government will consider the question of giving relief to the people who are reduced to poverty overnight? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" If applications are made, the Government will examine the question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have taken necessary steps to strengthen the security staff in those areas near Nadichagi village which are in troubles in the Bellary district? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Platoons of Malabar Special Police are being moved to these areas, Sir."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I know, when was the dacoity committed? Is it when the Security Police was there, or when the Security Police was at a distance? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As far as I know, the incident took place two days before it was reported in the *Indian Express.* Evidently, the Security Police was not at the station at the time of the incident."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I know whether the Police was at the spot when the dacoity and murder was taking place, or whether it reached the spot after the dacoity was committed? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, Sir, evidently at the time of the incident, the Security Police was not there; otherwise, it would have prevented the incident. As a matter of fact, the report which we have sent to the Government of India and the Agent-General at Hyderabad contains all these details."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Sir, if the decoity was committed, it must have been committed on a certain hour on a certain day and the report of the Special Police must have contained this information. May I know when was the dacoity committed? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member's question is going a little beyond the details contained in the information given. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" I want to know when the murder and dacoity was committed. Was it when the Special Police was there or that the dacoity was committed, because of the absence of the Special Police? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have given all the information that I possess, Sir."

Officers competent to search without a warrant.

* 39 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the departments of Government whose officers are authorized to carry out inspections and investigations into private houses and premises without a search warrant; and

(*b*) from whom such authority is obtained before such inspections and investigations are conducted, and on what sources of information is action taken?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (*a*) Officers of the Police, Excise, Customs, Salt, Revenue, Prohibition, Commercial Taxes, Forest, Civil Supplies, Public Health, Textiles, Industries and Electrical Engineering departments mentioned in column 2 of the paper [a] placed on the table of the House are authorized to carry out inspections and investigations without a search warrant.

" (*b*) In most cases the officers carrying out the inspections and investigations are empowered to act on their own authority. The officers from whom such authority is obtained in the remaining cases are mentioned in column 3 of the paper placed on the table of the House. Action is taken *suo moto* by competent officers on information received from any source *prima facie* reliable."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, from the statement laid on the table, referring to items 11, 20 to 22 and 24 to 26, may I know who are the officers who have been authorized either by the Central Government or by the Provincial Government? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is put down against the item itself that ' A Police officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector, or any person specially authorized by the Provincial Government in this behalf,' and similarly with regard to the other items also, the ranks of officers of the various departments who actually carry out the inspections and investigations without search warrants are given."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if there are any officers authorized by the Provincial Government in respect of these five provisions? I am sure, the Government do not propose to authorize every officer."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member may be certain that the Government will authorize only those people in whom they have confidence."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 39-43 infra.